COVID Travel information 7 September 2021

As COVID has turned travelling more challenging, there are some special steps to prepare prior to heading to the airport. We put together below some information and relevant links for the situation in Spain, but we ask you to check for additional information from your country of residence.

We want to ensure all participant's health and safety during the conference, so we prepared some guidelines to follow during the conference. Please see below what to expect during the event.

We look forward to meeting all of you in Valencia!

Before travelling

Your country of residence may have requirements for travelling abroad. For people residing in the EU/EEA an EU COVID Digital Certificate (see below) is needed to travel; you will also need to fill a Health Control Form (see below) from the Spanish government before boarding a flight.

Additional information is also available from the European Commission's Re-Open EU website and apps for Android and iOS. You can click on "Travel Plan", select your country of origin and select "Spain" as destination to get an overview of the requirements. Please consult your local authorities for additional information, as well as the information provided by the Spanish Official Travel website (select your country of origin for details).

Re-entry requirements

Please check the entry requirements to return to your country of residence from Spain, as they may differ from the exit requirements. For instance, you may need to show a negative test result before returning, or quarantine for some time upon arrival. Additional information is also available from the European Commission's Re-Open EU website and the respective apps for Android and iOS.

Entry requirements to Spain

There are different travel requirements to follow depending on your country of residence:
- From a country in the EU/EEA
- From a country outside the EU/EEA (including the UK)

All passengers need to fill a Health Control Form (see below) before boarding their flight.

EU COVID Digital Certificate

Travellers from EU/EEA countries must have the EU COVID Digital Certificate which can be obtained from your local authorities (click on your country on this map for additional information). This certificate provides a QR code that can be read with specific apps and is issued upon complete vaccination, a recent official negative test, or a certificate of recovery from COVID infection.

Spanish Health Control Form

Independently of their country of origin, everyone arriving by plane needs to fill a health control form at most 48 hours before starting their journey; this can be done via the

website https://www.spth.gob.es/ or on the Spain Travel Health apps for Android or iOS devices. This will issue a QR code (that you can carry on your mobile or on paper, and additional to the EU COVID Digital CErtificate) that will have to be shown when boarding the flight and when arriving into Spain. Note that the EU COVID Digital Certificate (see above) needs to be uploaded when filling this form.

Measures on site

We took several measures to ensure the safety of the participants during the event and to comply with local regulations.

- There is no organized bus transportation for conference participants; all meals are arranged within the Las Arenas hotel.
- The conference room allows for appropriate social distancing of at least 1,5m. Following local regulations, masks are required to be worn in the conference room.
- We have ensured that the facilities are occupied to a maximum of 75% of their original capacity
- There is disinfecting gel available throughout the common spaces
- The hotel has setup their own protocols to comply with local regulations concerning health and safety

Summary of local regulations in effect until September 27 (local authority website for latest developments, in Spanish):

- Masks are mandatory for everyone over 6 years old in all public spaces, indoors and outdoors, including the public spaces of the hotel, conference rooms and all public transportation.
- In restaurants, occupancy per table should be no more than 10 people outdoors and 8 people indoors. Masks are required to be worn in restaurants while not eating.
- Social distancing of 1,5m is mandatory, except for people belonging to the same household.
- Since September 7, there is no longer a curfew in effect.